TESTIMONY IN LIEU OF APPEARING MARCH 14TH

TO: Public Safety Committee

Grandma Gail of Bridgeport reminds you that people all across America are watching to see what our Connecticut is going to do so that assault-style weapons are not bought and sold without strict regulation & registration, that assault-style weapons are not kept unlocked without proper storage, that mental health and social services are better funded in our schools and communities and more strong legislation in remembrance of Sandy Hook Elementary victims. Please do not agree to the least of the possible legislative alternatives that you have before you today. Instead insist on stronger actions as proposed by Gov. Malloy and others. I can hug my Westport first grade grandson. Those 20 grandmas cannot. The name of your committee says it all - Public Safety! I do not feel safe under Connecticut's strong but not strong enough laws regarding possession of killing machines meant for war not for peaceful states like ours or movie theaters elsewhere. I don't feel safe in Bridgeport where too many handguns are floating around, either. Nothing that is being debated infringes on the Second Amendment right to be armed if you wish. But with rights there can and must be responsibility.

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